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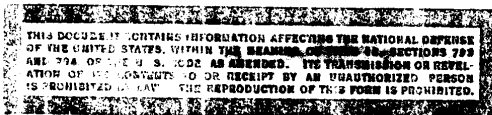
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1. At about noon on 9 January 1955, 4 x 85-mm AA guns, 1 Puaso-3 fire control director, 8 trucks with approximately 50 soldiers and bulleting equipment arrived by road in the Artillerie Kaserne (4601) in Kuestrin from the direction of Manschnow. The radar with parabolic reflector and an escort detail of approximately 15 soldiers left by rail.
2. On 10 January, 16 x 85-mm AA guns, 4 Puaso-3 fire-control directors, 42 trucks, 3 van-like trucks, 1 sedan, 1 ambulance, approximately 350 soldiers and 4 boxcarloads of ammunition were loaded onto two trains in Kuestrin. The trains left for Kroenelin at 1723 and about mid-night.
3. After 11 January, the Artillerie Kaserne (4601) in Kuestrin was occupied by approximately 750 soldiers equipped with 26 x 37-mm and 4 x 85-mm AA guns and 1 Puaso-3 fire control director.
4. At 1300 on 15 January, approximately 8 x 37-mm AA guns and 8 armored personnel carriers, 1 repair shop truck, 1 ambulance, and 26 trucks were loaded onto a train including 12 boxcars at the Potsdam-Wildpark railroad station.
5. Between 17 December 1954 and 10 January 1955, the Kriegsschule (2208) in Potsdam was occupied as previously. Approximately 80 percent of the windows of the installation were lit at dusk. Two 76-mm field guns, 122-mm field howitzers, 1 T-34 tank and trucks were seen in the barracks area. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.
6. Prior to 10 January, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne (2287) in Potsdam was occupied as previously. Approximately 85 percent of the windows of the installation were lit at dusk. Three tanks were continually seen in the west section of the installation. Two of the tanks were T-34s the third tank was entirely covered by tarpaulins. It was about the same size as a T-34 tank but its turret was lower and rounded. The canvas-covered tank was similar to a JS-3 tank but smaller.

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7. Enlargement of the barracks area along the Pappelallee (poplar alley) had discontinued. The open shed which was under construction in this area was still without roof on 10 January.

1.  Comment. According to weapons, equipment and composition of the two shipments, the transfer to the Mustraw AAA firing range of the bulk of the medium U/i AAA Regt of the 32d AAA Div stationed in Muestrin was observed.


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 The information indicates that AAA firing practices at the Mustraw firing range started 2 to 3 weeks earlier than in 1954.

2.  Comment. An AAA firing detail of the 359th Gds AAA Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div stationed at the Kriegsschule (2288) in Potsdam presumably transferred to the Jueterbog training grounds. It is noted that the light AA guns were to be towed by armored personnel carriers.

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3.  Comment. Heavy weapons observed in the Kriegsschule in Potsdam confirm there the 359th Gds AAA Regt, the 299th Gds Mort Regt the U/i Arty Regt and elements of the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div.

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4.  Comment. The bulk of the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div is quartered in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne in Potsdam. The canvas-covered tank was presumably a tank of the new type. This is a first indication that all three tank regiments of the 10th Gds Tank Div have been allotted individual tanks of this type. New-type tanks have repeatedly been observed with elements of the division stationed in the Kavallerie Schule (2161) in Krampnitz.

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